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SUBJECT: TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE ON NAMIBIA

1. DURING CALL BY FRENCH EMBASSY MINISTER DE LA GORCE SEPT. 19, ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM RAISED SUBJECT OF PROPOSED TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE ON NAMIBIA. BUFFUM TOLD DE LA GORCE THAT BEFORE US TAKES FINAL POSITION ON FURTHER TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE, WE WOULD LIKE ASSURANCES OF FRANCE AND UK THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO JOIN US IN VETOING ANY MANDATORY SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WHICH MAY BE PLACED BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. BUFFUM INFORMED DE LA GORCE IN CONFIDENCE THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON SEPT 17, BRITISH MINISTER OF STATE ENNALS HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE UK WOULD NOT ABANDON THE VETO, AT LEAST DURING THIS YEAR. ENNALS BELIEVED IT WOULD BE
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MOST INAPPROPRIATE TO ALLOW ADOPTION OF SANCTIONS DURING

THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY DE LA GORCE, BUFFUM SAID US
CONSIDERS CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE NOT CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE
OUR JUNE VETO AND THAT WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO VETOING MAN-
DATORY SANCTIONS.

4. DE LA GORCE SAID HE WOULD REPORT REQUEST AND SEEK IN-
STRUCTIONS. KISSINGER

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